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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with William Harris, Murphy Commission Staff

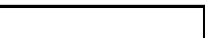
1. In response to his request, I met with William Harris of the Murphy Commission staff, and talked with him at some length in areas related to the Agency's statutory and other authorities. Mr. Harris was particularly interested in our Sources and Methods legislation and I gave him a copy of our package on the proposal. He also asked my opinion of several possible legislative proposals. One concerned the possibility of including in law a requirement for the Director to submit his recommendations to the appropriate committees of Congress with respect to the budgets of other elements of the intelligence community. I expressed reservations about this on several grounds and said I did not feel such a proposal would be of any real assistance to the Director, which was Mr. Harris' premise. He asked for my opinion on the desirability of having the Agency obtain court orders for its surveillance activities in the United States. I told him this was a matter he should discuss in more detail with Mr. Warner and others but I personally would not be in favor of it although I did point out that the Agency works very closely with the FBI and the Department of Justice and is complying with all regulations of the Attorney General in any of these activities within the boundaries of the United States.

2. Lastly, Mr. Harris expressed an interest in access to a number of NSCIDs and said he wondered whether copies could be made available in the PFIAB offices for access by members of the Commission. I told him that technically the NSCIDs were not Agency documents and could not be released by the Agency, but I thought some arrangements could probably be made for him and members of the Commission to have access to those NSCIDs which were pertinent to their study. I said I would check this further with Mr. Warner and others.


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